

Following are the amended paragraphs of the specification clearly marked to show changes from the previous version (deleted words in brackets, added words underlined).

On page 3, the paragraph beginning on line 29:

A study carried out by A. M. Janson et al., (1994), 655: 25-32 described results of chronic treatment in the rat. The treatment termed "long-term" was also in this ~~case~~ case 14 days, which is not comparable with the treatment with the drug of the invention.

On page 6, the paragraph beginning on line 7:

It is essential that treatment with the drugs of the invention is a long-term treatment; thus the different modes of administration of this drug must be compatible with this type of treatment. In particular, the drug of the invention can be administered ~~sub~~-cutaneously using a rapid or slow release patch, or continuously using an extracorporal type pump. A sub-cutaneous catheter can enable the required dose of nicotine to be constantly administered, which is adjustable using a battery-driven variable speed governor.

On page 11, the paragraph beginning on line 20:

b) Administration by rapid and slow release patches, ~~optionally electrically supplied~~:

On page 11, the paragraph beginning on line 22:

Patch administration ~~with or without~~ a transcutaneous pump must be positioned in locations where the nicotine is absorbed in an optimum manner and continuously to obtain an effective sanguine dose. These locations are preferably the buttocks or the lumbar cavities.

Remarks

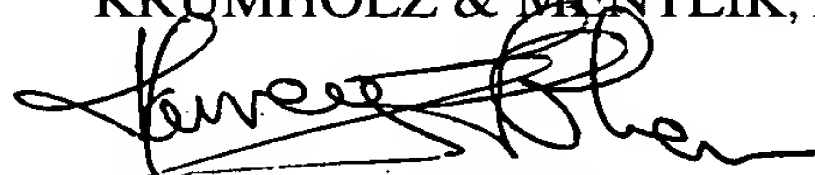
Entry and examination of the new claims is respectfully requested. Entry of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested. The amendment to the specification at page 3 merely corrects a misspelling. The amendment at page 6 is the result of an editorial error that is obvious from the context of the paragraph since a drug release patch is understood to be on the skin not beneath it. Proper reference to "subcutaneous" appears in the sentence directed to the use of a pump. Corrections to the paragraphs on page 11, Example 3, are appropriate in order to avoid confusion in view of the awkward construction of the sentences. It would be understood by one skilled in the art that the phrase "electrically supplied" refers to a pump and that the use of "rapid and slow release patches" do not entail the optional use of an electrical supply. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not constitute new matter.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the above matters, he is requested to call applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000.

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